

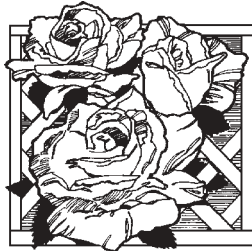


# COMMUNICATOR

News from Claremont Presbyterian Church

May 2013

## Do You Hear What We Heard?



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### Worship Plans

**Sunday, May 5 10:00 a.m.**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Krista Wuertz preaching

**Sunday, May 12 10:00 a.m.**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Youth Sunday

Worship led by the youth of CPC

**Sunday, May 19 10:00 a.m.**

*Day of Pentecost*

Hymn Festival

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

**Sunday, May 26 10:00 a.m.**

*Trinity Sunday*

The Rev. Karen Sapio preaching

During our Lenten “Season of Listening” our team of listeners conducted over 70 one-on-one interviews and held four group meetings around topics such as family, work, aging and neighborhoods. The planning team is quite pleased with the number of conversations that took place.

We are still sorting through and reflecting on what we heard. Here are some of our preliminary insights:

1. People are longing for stronger relationships within our church and wider community. Many of those interviewed lamented that people in our church do not know each other very well. There are pockets of people who have long-standing friendships, but those are the exceptions. Newcomers find it difficult to connect and even people who have been part of CPC for years feel a sense of disconnection. Our relational capital seems to be low.
2. Many expressed concern for young adults and young families. Sometimes this took the form of a lament that we don't have more representatives of this group attending CPC. Sometimes this took the form of worry over interviewee's own young adult children and the struggles they are facing in a tough economy. There appears to be a desire to understand the 20 and 30 somethings better and discover ways our church can reach out to them in new ways.
3. Unemployment and underemployment was a big concern for many. Some were unemployed themselves, others had close family members struggling, others were working, but in positions below the level of their education and experience.
4. No one has enough time. Many, many of those interviewed are frustrated by the pace of contemporary life. Folks observed that nearly every waking moment is scheduled. Many feel they have no time to cultivate important relationships or become involved with issues they feel passionate about. There was some energy to address issues like homework, sports schedules, and other community norms that work against a balanced life.

5. Along with those major themes, other concerns that cropped up often were environmental issues, aging parents, having enough financial resources to retire, growing poverty in our region, the needs of returning veterans, opportunities for more Bible study and spiritual growth, gun violence, and meeting the needs of the vulnerable elderly –especially those who do not live in one of our retirement communities.

What's next? In the coming months, we hope to gather people who shared common concerns – along with others who share those concerns – into strategy groups to consider how best to address these issue. We anticipate that there may be some new projects that start fairly quickly, and some deeper, systemic issues that may take some time to implement.

Stay tuned for further developments.

*Karen Sapio*

## Sunday Morning at Nine

Adult Education at CPC during Eastertide has something for YOU. Classes begin at 9:00 a.m.



### Family Focus

**Through May 12**, in Room 7

This coffee and conversation gathering is for anyone eager to share the journey of faith and family. Whether you have preschoolers, high schoolers, or grandkids, you are invited to this gathering to explore the holy struggles and joys of family life.

### Coffee And A Good Book: Help, Thanks, Wow!

**Through May 12**

Come grab a cup of coffee and dish about the latest book by Presbyterian author Anne Lamott (*Bird by Bird, Travelling Mercies*). This is a laid-back gathering to read a good book and enjoy good coffee together.

Stay tuned for information regarding Adult Education offerings May 19 & 26.

### *An evening opportunity:*

### Bible Study with Pastor Karen

Sunday evenings, 7:00 p.m. through June 2, Room 1

An introduction to the Gospels. Come probe the Scriptures with Pastor Karen in this weekly gathering. For the curious, the informed, and the uninitiated.

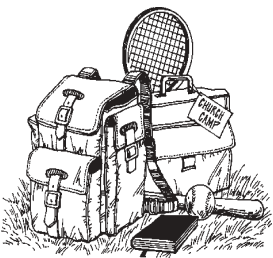
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## Big Bear Summer Camp Registration Is Open

Registration for summer camp is now open! Rising 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, rising 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders, and high school students can all spend a week in beautiful Big Bear Lake with friends old and new. Here are the dates:

- Junior Camp (rising 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders): June 30 - July 6
- Jr High Camp (rising 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders): July 7 - 13
- L.E.A.D. Camp (rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) either June 30 - July 6 or July 7 - 13.

Registration for a week of summer camp costs only \$350 if received by the camp before April 30. If your son or daughter would like to go, please call Pastor Rocky in the church office to register (909) 624-9693 - or download the registration form at [www.claremontpres.org](http://www.claremontpres.org).



## All Church Camp Is All Kinds of Fun - May 4 & 5

Want to get away for a weekend of fun and relaxing family activities in a pine-scented mountain setting? There is still time to sign up for CPC's All Church Camp on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5.

All Church Camp is a terrific way to get to know the CPC community better, as well as to unwind from the day-to-day. There will be lots of time to explore the beautiful grounds of the Big Bear Lake Christian Conference Center, to play games, or even to just curl up with that book you've been meaning to read. The cost for three meals and overnight lodging is only \$75 per person.

To register, call the church office at (909) 624-9693.

## Youth Sunday is May 12

CPC's annual Youth Sunday, when junior high and high school students lead worship from beginning to end, is on May 12, Mother's Day. This is always a powerful opportunity to hear from our students and to experience their maturity and depth of faith. In addition to bringing the morning sermon, students will lead the Time with the Children, the announcements, and literally every element of the worship service.

They're looking forward to your participation!



## Sunday Morning Schedule for Children & Youth

Sunday Mornings there are faith-nurturing activities for children in pre-school through high school all morning long.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	<p>Music and Art for grade 3 – grade 5</p> <p>Godly Play for age 4 – grade 2</p> <p>Youth Sunday School Class with Larry and Jeanine (grades 6 - 8)</p> <p>Youth Sunday School Class with Irene, Linda and Octavio (grades 9 - 12)</p> <p><i>Nursery care is available for infants through pre-k</i></p>
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<p>Music and Art for age 4 – grade 2 (after Time with the Children)</p> <p>Godly Play for grade 3 – grade 5 (after Time with the Children)</p> <p><i>Nursery care is available for infants through pre-k</i></p>
11:15 a.m. - noon	Choir for youth 6 <sup>th</sup> grade through high school (every other week)

## Godly Play

In May our focus in the Godly Play classroom continues to be on the teachings of Jesus and the work of those who follow Jesus.

Our lessons this month are:

May 5	The Parable of the Great Pearl,
May 12	The Parable of the Mustard Seed,
May 19	The Mystery of Pentecost and
May 26	Paul's Discovery.

Children age 4 - grade 2 are invited to join us at 9:00 a.m., and children grade 3 - grade 5 are invited to come to Godly Play following the "Time with the Children" in worship. If you have any questions or would like more information about becoming involved in Godly Play, please contact Krista at [krista@claremontpres.org](mailto:krista@claremontpres.org).

## Summer Surprise

Each summer at CPC we offer an eight-week series to complement the Godly Play curriculum for children grades 1-5. This year our focus for Summer Surprise is prayer. Together the children are going to have many opportunities to engage prayer in multifaceted and creative ways.

We will be exploring prayer in the Bible, and we will talk about the ways in which prayer holds meaning for individuals and for communities. Some of the books we will be using in this series include: *Psalms for Young Children*, *Praying in Color*, *Images of God for Young Children*, *Journey to the Heart: Centering Prayer for Children*, and *Writing to God: Kids' Edition*.

We will offer Summer Surprise for eight consecutive Sundays beginning June 16 and ending July 28. If you have any questions about Summer Surprise or would like to help teach this curriculum, please contact Krista at [krista@claremontpres.org](mailto:krista@claremontpres.org).

## Vacation Bible School

This year at Vacation Bible School, June 16 - 21, we will be learning about Athens and the life and work of the Apostle Paul. The children will have the opportunity to imaginatively journey back to Athens and meet Paul who will tell them about his life and his work. They will learn Paul's story, and consider what it means to leave a life of privilege and power in order to spread the news of God's love.

VBS is a wonderful experience that we offer each summer to the children from both the church and local community where the children who participate are able to experience their faith and to learn more about God's love. We have many activities planned for the children each night including: *Celebration Time* where the children sing, dance and talk about what they are learning together, *The Marketplace* where children do arts and crafts, organized field games, and a drama center where children get to engage actors who are representing people from Paul's community. Each night we also all eat a community meal together, which gives us a special opportunity to fellowship with one another.

Throughout the week, adults from the CPC community will be guiding the children through their activities helping to enrich the experience of VBS for all children. Please consider joining us at VBS this year as this is a community event in which we all come together to enrich the faith experience of the children of our community.

If you have any questions about VBS or ideas about how you would like to help, please reach Krista at [krista@claremontpres.org](mailto:krista@claremontpres.org). There will be more information and opportunities to register soon both on the CPC campus and on the CPC website.

## Suplus Household Items?

Caring Friends Ministry is the group from the Middle East Evangelical Church in South Pasadena that is assisting refugees from Iraq, Egypt and other Middle East countries to resettle in our local area.

What household goods, from furniture to flatware, do you have that could be useful to newly arriving Iraqi refugees settling in our area?

Contact the church office at (909) 624-9693 to schedule a pick up of these items, so they can be passed on to Caring Friends Ministry.

# Junior High Work Week 2013 June 17 -21

Claremont - La Verne Heights - San Marino - South Pasadena -  
Riverside - Diamond Bar



## What is it?

An amazing week of learning, fun, and service. A different service project in a different city every day, concluding with a day of surf camp on Friday.

## When is it?

9:00 - 5:00  
every day, June 17 -21

## Who's it for?

Students who will be in 6th - 8th grades in fall 2013

## What's the cost?

\$75 per person  
Cost includes t-shirt and van rental for the week

## How do I go?

Sign up by emailing Rocky at [rsupinger@claremontpres.org](mailto:rsupinger@claremontpres.org). Include your t-shirt size.

CPC Performing Arts Series presents

## Kathryn Lillich

**Saturday, June 1 7:00 p.m.**



Coloratura soprano, **Kathryn Lillich** is delighted to return to her hometown after four years away at Luther College. Along with her accompanist Janet Noll, Kathryn will offer a program of opera arias, oratorio, and art songs. Come hear "Let the Bright Seraphim" by Handel and other songs by Mozart, Bellini, Richard Strauss, and Dominick Argento. A freewill offering will be received.

**Kathryn (Katy) Lillich** will graduate Magna Cum Laude from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa this May with a BA in Music. She will begin graduate work in Vocal Performance at the Cleveland Institute of Music in Ohio this fall. She began soloing at age seven and has participated in many ensembles in Claremont, including the Claremont Children's Chorale, and Claremont High School Concert Choir, Jazz Choir and Chamber Singers. At CPC, she sang with the

Sanctuary Choir, the Youth Choir, played hand bells, and accompanied the Children's Choirs. She has sung in several choirs at Luther College including Aurora, Collegium Musicum, Cathedral Choir, and Collegiate Chorale. She was most recently seen in the opera "Orpheus in the Underworld" where she understudied the role of the goddess Diana. Kathryn is also a frequent soloist at local churches, retirement communities and civic organizations.

**Janet Noll**, accompanist, has earned degrees from the University of Kentucky (Bachelor of Music and Master of Library Science) and the University of Montana (Master of Music). Ms. Noll's accompanying and coaching experience spans thirty-five years, and includes work in the areas of chamber music, solo, vocal and instrumental duo work, choral ensembles, musical theatre and opera productions. She is a solo and duo pianist, harpsichordist, fortepianist, and chamber musician.





## Conscientious Projector

**C**onscientious Projector is a monthly gathering of mindful, passionate people coming together to screen documentaries about important current justice issues, and to discuss these viewpoints from a variety of perspectives. Screenings are free to the public. Screenings in Claremont are at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Claremont Forum, 586 W. First Street (in the old packing house.)

Wednesday, May 15 the film to be screened is "Heist: Who Stole the American Dream?" which is stunning audiences across the globe as it traces the worldwide economic collapse to a 1971 secret memo entitled Attack on American Free Enterprise System. Written over 40 years ago by the future Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, at the behest of the US Chamber of Commerce, the 6-page memo, a free-market utopian treatise, called for a money-fueled big business makeover of government through corporate control of the media, academia, the pulpit, arts and sciences and destruction of organized labor and consumer protection groups.

But Powell's real "end game" was business control of law and politics. HEIST's step by step detail exposes the systemic implementation of Powell's memo by BOTH U.S. political parties, culminating in the deregulation of industry, outsourcing of jobs and regressive taxation. All of which led us to the global financial crisis of 2008 and the continued dismantling of the American middle class. Today, politics is the playground of the rich and powerful, with no thought given to the hopes and dreams of ordinary Americans. No other film goes as deeply as HEIST in explaining the greatest wealth transfer of our time. Moving beyond the white noise of today's polarizing media, HEIST provides viewers with a clear, concise and fact-based explanation of how we got into this mess, and what we need to do to restore our representative democracy.

## All Church Work Day

**T**he Property & Finance Commission has arranged for an All Church Work Day on Saturday morning, June 1. Come join the commission and other church members and friends in helping to spruce up our church campus. There will be jobs available for all skill levels and physical abilities. Rumor has it there may even be coffee and bagels.

Many hands make light work!

## Session Digest

**A**t its March meeting the Session:

- Received a report from Pastors Karen and Rocky, Hannah Lewis, and Chuck Kerchner on their time at the Next Conference last month.
- Voted to approve a program to address the termite problems on our campus.
- Heard from Church and Society Commission that a working group has been formed to propose energy use programs for the church campus.
- Rejoiced in Evangelism and Nurture's reinvigoration of the Welcome Center on the patio after worship.

## New Fence

**Y**ou will notice a new addition to the CPC campus: the Children's Center's fence along the pathway between the Infant/Toddler building and the Church Office, and a gate between the Music Building and the Church Office. Given the charge of providing the most secure environment possible, and addressing safety concerns for the children, after careful review and deliberation the CPC Children's Center Commission, the Property and Finance Commission, and the CPC Session approved adding a fence designed by Paul Wheeler, architect, to the CPC campus.

## Financial Highlights

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS OF 03/31/13	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Pledges	\$117,520	\$127,500
Other Income	25,438	24,525
Bequests/Gifts	0	0
Reserve Transfer	0	0
Expenses	( 147,541)	( 158,547)
VARIANCE	( 4,583)	( 6,522)
CHILDREN'S CENTER AS OF 03/31/13	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$186,491	\$169,440
Expenses	( 180,449)	(169,120)
VARIANCE	6,042	320

A more complete financial report is available in the church office.



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### Pastors

Karen Sapio  
Rocky Supinger

### Church School

9:00 a.m.  
(Except in Summer)

### Worship

10:00 a.m.

Nursery Care  
available both hours

## Hymn Celebration Sunday - May 19



*"Let them ever sing for joy...  
that those who love  
Thy name may exult in Thee"*

Sunday May 19 we will celebrate Pentecost with a Hymn Celebration. One of the ways the Holy Spirit has spoken to God's people through the centuries has been through music. In each new generation, the Spirit inspires and calls musicians, writers, singers, and composers to use their gifts in God's service. Experiencing and learning new music is one of the ways the church recognizes and honors the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Presbyterian Church is publishing a new hymnal this fall. The blue hymnal now in our pews was published in 1990 – when Pastor Karen was a newly ordained 25 year-old and Pastor Rocky was a freshman in high school. There has been some water under the bridge – and some wonderful new hymns, songs, and other worship music written in those twenty-three years!

Over the past year, the choir and the Worship and Music Commission have had several opportunities to learn about the new hymnal, sing some of the new material included in it, and consider how it meets our congregation's needs now and in the coming years. In January, our Session approved Worship and Music's recommendation that our church purchase the new Presbyterian Hymnal, **Glory to God**. As when CPC purchased the blue hymnal in 1990, we will again offer church members and friends the opportunity to donate a hymnal in honor or memory of loved ones or friends. A hymnal donation form is included as an insert with this newsletter.

On Pentecost we will sing many of our old favorites and also learn some of the new music that is included in the forthcoming hymnal.

## Make Every Second Monday a Fiesta

The second Monday of each month the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center has a fundraiser at the El Rancho Restaurant on Foothill Boulevard in Claremont. **On Monday, May 13 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.** eat at El Rancho Restaurant and tell them you are with the Claremont Presbyterian Children's Center. The center will receive a portion of the proceeds and you will enjoy a delicious Mexican meal. If you prefer to eat at home you may get your food to go. Thank you for your support!

## CERT - Community Emergency Response Team

Are you prepared to survive in your home for several days in the event of a major disaster? The Claremont Community Emergency Response Team is holding a Disaster Preparedness Event Monday, May 6 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Temple Beth Israel, 3033 North Towne Avenue in Pomona. You will learn how to prepare your family and pets, communicate if phone lines are

## Community Meal

Claremont Presbyterian Church is one of seven local congregations that take turns preparing and serving a meal to dozens of people who are homeless or simply lack resources to adequately feed their families.

**Sunday, May 19** will be our turn again. Volunteers are needed to prepare a food item for 20 people and deliver it to Sumner School at 2:45 p.m. and/or to help serve that meal, visit with participants and prepare "to go" boxes.

Please contact the church office at (909) 624-9693 if you would like to help.



down, create an evacuation plan, manage your utilities and put together affordable emergency supplies.

The event is free but an RSVP is requested. Please call TBI at (909) 626-1277 so they know how many will be in attendance.

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## **“Like” Us on Facebook**

Claremont Presbyterian Church has a facebook page. You can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/claremontpres>.

If you are already a member of facebook, use this link, sign in to your facebook account and click on the “Like” button. (Or you can just search for Claremont Presbyterian and choose the one under “Pages.”) News feeds from CPC will now show up on your home page.

This is a great way to keep up with what is happening at CPC and to share what is happening with your friends.

## **Save the Date for VBS!**

This year Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 16 - Thursday, June 20 in the evening on our CPC campus. Tell your friends! See the article on Page 3 for more info.

## **CPC Choir Needs Basses**

Due to vacation and travel schedules, the CPC choir needs basses. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Join us for a lot of fun, fellowship and good music.

## **Prayer Chain**

If you (or a loved one) are in need of prayer, the Prayer Chain of the Presbyterian Women is there for you. Call the church office at (909) 624-9693 with your prayer request. Please be sure you have the permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayer.

## **Website Photos**

Photographs are often taken at church events. These photos may be posted on the church's public website. If you object to having a photograph that may contain your image (or your child's image) posted on the church website, please notify the office in writing.